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JANUARY	SUN.	SUN.	MON.	HIGH
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6 FRIDAY,	7 28	23	22	53 5
7 SATURDAY,	7 29	22	21	53 6
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10 TUESDAY,	7 32	19	18	53 9
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13 FRIDAY,	7 35	16	15	53 12
14 SATURDAY,	7 36	15	14	53 13
15 SUNDAY,	7 37	14	13	53 14
16 MONDAY,	7 38	13	12	53 15
17 TUESDAY,	7 39	12	11	53 16
18 WEDNESDAY,	7 40	11	10	53 17
19 THURSDAY,	7 41	10	9	53 18
20 FRIDAY,	7 42	9	8	53 19
21 SATURDAY,	7 43	8	7	53 20
22 SUNDAY,	7 44	7	6	53 21
23 MONDAY,	7 45	6	5	53 22
24 TUESDAY,	7 46	5	4	53 23
25 WEDNESDAY,	7 47	4	3	53 24
26 THURSDAY,	7 48	3	2	53 25
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30 MONDAY,	7 52	0	0	53 29
31 TUESDAY,	7 53	0	0	53 30
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41 FRIDAY,	7 63	0	0	53 40
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46 WEDNESDAY,	7 68	0	0	53 45
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69 FRIDAY,	7 91	0	0	53 68
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84 SATURDAY,	7 106	0	0	53 83
85 SUNDAY,	7 107	0	0	53 84
86 MONDAY,	7 108	0	0	53 85
87 TUESDAY,	7 109	0	0	53 86
88 WEDNESDAY,	7 110	0	0	53 87
89 THURSDAY,	7 111	0	0	53 88
90 FRIDAY,	7 112	0	0	53 89
91 SATURDAY,	7 113	0	0	53 90
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94 TUESDAY,	7 116	0	0	53 93
95 WEDNESDAY,	7 117	0	0	53 94
96 THURSDAY,	7 118	0	0	53 95
97 FRIDAY,	7 119	0	0	53 96
98 SATURDAY,	7 120	0	0	53 97
99 SUNDAY,	7 121	0	0	53 98
100 MONDAY,	7 122	0	0	53 99
101 TUESDAY,	7 123	0	0	53 100
102 WEDNESDAY,	7 124	0	0	53 101
103 THURSDAY,	7 125	0	0	53 102
104 FRIDAY,	7 126	0	0	53 103
105 SATURDAY,	7 127	0	0	53 104
106 SUNDAY,	7 128	0	0	53 105
107 MONDAY,	7 129	0	0	53 106
108 TUESDAY,	7 130	0	0	53 107
109 WEDNESDAY,	7 131	0	0	53 108
110 THURSDAY,	7 132	0	0	53 109
111 FRIDAY,	7 133	0	0	53 110
112 SATURDAY,	7 134	0	0	53 111
113 SUNDAY,	7 135	0	0	53 112
114 MONDAY,	7 136	0	0	53 113
115 TUESDAY,	7 137	0	0	53 114
116 WEDNESDAY,	7 138	0	0	53 115
117 THURSDAY,	7 139	0	0	53 116
118 FRIDAY,	7 140	0	0	53 117
119 SATURDAY,	7 141	0	0	53 118
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143 TUESDAY,	7 165	0	0	53 142
144 WEDNESDAY,	7 166	0	0	53 143
145 THURSDAY,	7 167	0	0	53 144
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147 SATURDAY,	7 169	0	0	53 146
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could that carpet have ruined them? Its cost could not have been over one hundred and fifty dollars."

"Yes—but this led to other expenses.—It was entirely too good for the rest of their furniture, and they soon found this out, when they never rested till they re-furnished their parlors to match it. Then, finding their house more elegant than the rest of their neighbors, they began to look down on their late associates, and court intimacy with richer and more fashionable people.—Finally they moved into a larger house.—Had any one, five years ago, told Harry how extravagantly he would yet live he would have laughed; but by adding a little almost daily to his expenses, he has finally come to spend the large sum he does now. To live as he is living, is proper enough for wealthy men—but for Harry, it is absurd, nay criminal."

Old Mr. Harvey's prophecy was not long in being fulfilled. In less than a month afterward, he came home and said:

"You remember the conversation we had the other day about Harry Howard.—Well, today he failed."

In less than a week the red flag of the auctioneer waved from the windows of his elegant house, and before a month he had retired with his family to an obscure street, where he procured a livelihood by hiring as a clerk.

But the severest pang was felt by Mrs. Howard, who about a month after the failure, met one of her fashionable friends in the street, who returned her greeting with supercilious hauteur, saying in a tone loud enough to be overheard:

"I should have thought Mrs. Howard would not have had the impudence to speak to me, after Mr. Howard had defrauded my husband of so much money. We used to tolerate the Howards because they were customers of Mr. Green, and gave excellent parties. But it seems they were giving these parties all the while on other people's money. If there is anything I detest it is this aping a style of living above one's means. Mr. Green says there ought to be a law to put men like Mr. Howard in the penitentiary."

## TWENTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

### SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 31.

Both Houses of Congress assembled at noon to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of Senator Barrow. The coffin was placed in the area in front of the Secretary's desk in the Senate chamber.—The President of the United States, the members of the Cabinet, the heads of Bureaux, &c., assembled with the Senate.

The Senate adjourned to Monday.

In the House.—After prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sproule, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Holmes moved to reconsider the vote adjourn to Saturday, in order to adjourn to Monday, but the motion was lost.

The House then adjourned, and the members, preceded by the Speaker and sergeant-at-arms, passed into the Senate chamber, where both Houses united in the services. The two chaplains officiated. Prayer was offered up by the Rev. Mr. Sproule. The sermon and benediction by the Rev. Mr. Slicer. At one o'clock the funeral procession moved from the capitol and proceeded to the congressional burying ground, where the body was interred for the present.

The House adjourned to Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 2.

In the House.—There were resolutions offered to increase duties on articles to a revenue standard; to lay a tax on gold and silver ware, &c.; to reduce the pay of members twenty-five per cent, during the war; whether or not the Smithsonian money was in the Treasury on the 1st instant; for information relative to the employment of secret travelling agents by the Secretary of the Treasury; and in reference to the execution of the seaman on board the sloop-of-war St. Mary's.

Mr. Wentworth, of Illinois, offered a resolution that it is inexpedient to impose any duty on tea and coffee.

A motion to lay the resolution on the table was rejected—yeas 49 nays 103.

The resolution was then adopted, yeas 115, nays 48.

The Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts members voted for Mr. Wentworth's resolution.

Mr. Simms, of Mo., offered a resolution as follows:

*Resolved*, That the people of the United States are too patriotic to refuse to submit to necessary taxes in time of war.

A resolution to lay this on the table was lost 22 to 107. The resolution was adopted.

A resolution was adopted to ascertain the number of regiments, and from what States, that have been employed near the mouth of the Rio Grande since the commencement of the war.

Also a resolution was adopted calling upon the Secretary of War for the number of volunteers received into service under the act of 1846; the number that have died, the number discharged, &c.

The bill to raise ten additional regiments for the regular army was made the special order for Monday.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 4.

In the Senate.—A message from the President was received and read. He asks an increase of the Army, and the appointment of a Lieutenant General. Referred to the Military Committee.

Also, a message from the President relative to the transmission of mails to and from the army.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of La., the Vice President was requested to communicate to the Governor of Louisiana intelligence of the decease of Mr. Barrow.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition from Bradford county, Pa., for the abolition of slavery. The question of its reception was

laid on the table. Also, the memorial of Easton College, to import books and instruments free of duty.

A resolution for aid for the projected railroad to the Pacific, and a memorial to the Lieut. Governor in the chair. A quorum present. Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

*House*.—The Speaker in the chair.

The roll of the members being called at 10 o'clock, there was no quorum present.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

*Afternoon*.—Senate.—The Senate joined the House for the purpose of opening the Session with prayer.

There being no business upon the table the Senate adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

*House*.—The roll being called, a quorum was present.

A message was sent to the Senate to inform that body that the House had formed a quorum, and a similar message having been received from the Senate, the two Houses joined for the purpose of opening the Session with prayer.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Fillmore.

William Roberts, member elect from the town of Scituate, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Abel Salisbury, Esq., presented the certificate of his election, was qualified and took his seat.

Certain petitions were received and referred to the proper Committees.

Mr. Buffum introduced a resolution instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to report a bill, authorizing Courts of Probate to grant petitions for the sale of real estate.

Mr. B. said, that such an act would save time and expense, both to the parties and to the State, and the business would be much better done by the Courts of Probate than by the General Assembly.

Mr. Sherman was in favor of the proposed change but an act to the same effect was pending before the House, and the resolution was unnecessary.

Mr. Ballou thought it would do no harm to pass the resolution.

Mr. Buffum said, that if any act was already pending, it would be as well to let the resolution lie upon the table.

The resolution was laid upon the table.

Certain accounts against the State were received and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Certain petitions were received and referred to the proper committees.

The reading of the docket of unfinished business was dispensed with by a vote of the House.

Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock A. M., was assigned for the trial of the docket of private petitions.

An act in amendment of an act establishing Courts of Probate, passed to a second reading and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

An act in amendment of an act relating to the distribution of insolvent estates, mes��dium on the Judiciary.

The House adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

PROVIDENCE, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

MORNING.—Senate.—The Senate was occupied during the day with the unfinished business of the last session.

No debate of any importance took place.

*House*.—Journal of yesterday's proceedings read.

Report of General Treasurer, of the names of the towns which have paid a military tax for the years 1844 and 1845, &c., made at the last session of the General Assembly, and not then acted upon, read, and after some discussion the report was referred to the Committee on Militia.

Certain accounts received and referred to Committee on Accounts.

Certain petitions received and referred to the proper committees.

Communication from the General Treasurer, forwarding his account of the receipt and payment of the military tax of A. D. 1846, read and referred to the Committee on Militia.

Report of General Treasurer, in relation to the expenses of the June and October sessions of the General Assembly, made in pursuance to a resolution passed at the last October session of the General Assembly.

The expenses at the June session were \$1092 04

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The Report was communicated to the Senate.

Petition of citizens of the town of Newport, for an act of incorporation as a city.

Mr. Brown was not going to oppose this petition, but he should like to hear from some member from Newport as to why they wanted this change; cities were something that the people of this State did not know much about; we had got but one in the State, and he heard a good deal of complaint as to the way in which that was managed.

The Speaker reminded the gentleman from Cumberland that the present motion was to postpone with an order of notice.

Mr. Brown supposed it would be in order to inquire why they wanted it postponed.

The Speaker said that the constitution required a postponement.

It was then postponed with an order of notice.

An act in explanation of an act establishing a Court of Magistrates in the city of Providence. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

*Afternoon*.—*House*.—Certain accounts allowed and ordered to be paid.

Certain accounts against the State were received and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

An act providing for the election of Surveyors of Highways in the town of South Kingstown at the April town meeting in that town, and regulating the manner of the election, and prescribing the duties of the Surveyors, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The NEW YEAR.—The observer of signs may look upon 1847 with a fearful face. The year begins with Friday and ends with Friday—that very unlucky day.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

PROVIDENCE, Tuesday, Jan. 5.

MORNING.—Senate.—His Honor the Lieut. Governor in the chair. A quorum present. Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

*House*.—The Speaker in the chair.

The roll of the members being called at 10 o'clock, there was no quorum present.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

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*House*.—The roll being called, a quorum was present.

An act in amendment of an act to prevent clandestine marriages.

The amendment provides for 15 days public notice of intentions of marriage.

PROVIDENCE, Thursday, Jan. 7.

MORNING.—Senate.—The Senate concurred in certain votes and resolutions of the House.

Report of the Adjutant General received and read.

The Senate adjourned.

*House*.—Journal of yesterday's proceedings read.

Report from the Committee on Accounts received.

Certain accounts allowed and ordered to be paid.

Certain accounts received and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Weeden introduced a resolution directing the committee to report a bill providing for the drawing of six petit jurors in addition to the number now drawn by law.

The resolution passed.

The Report of the General Treasurer upon the expenses of the June and October sessions, referred to the Select Committee upon the expenses of the State government.

Mr. Ballou thought it would do no harm to pass the resolution.

Mr. Worth left Saltillo with 1590 men.

Gen. Butler was left at Monterey with 2900 men.

Col. Quijman's brigade left Monterey for Victoria on the 14th. Gen. Taylor's squadron left Monterey for Victoria on the 15th. Gen. Patterson was to leave on the 22d with the Tennessee regiment of cavalry for Tampico via Victoria. The Alabama volunteers, second artillery, had arrived at Monterey. Lieut. Col. Clay, with six companies Kentucky volunteers, had reached Seraldo. Capt. Willis, with two companies, was at Mier. Gen. Lamar was at Laredo.

The Mexicans were making successful exertions to raise troops in all the small towns near the Rio Grande.

Capt. Stone, with a detachment of seventy men, found two hundred Mexicans at Rancho, on the Rio San Juan, commanded by Capt. Caution—their particular object being search. Caution was captured, and also the master roll of his company, with letters of instruction from Ampudia and Paredes; a quantity of blankets and ammunition was secured. Caution was taken to Camargo, and imprisoned on the 16th.

A Mexican was caught entering the magazine at Camargo, with the supposed intent of blowing it up.

An express had arrived at Brazos from Gen. Patterson, stating that Santa Anna was advancing on Saltillo, with the intention to cut off Gen. Worth.

Four hundred and fifty regulars were to leave Camargo for Monterey on the 20th.

A passenger in the schooner H. T. Johnson, at N. Orleans, from Tampico, states that an attack was made on the American forces at that place, numbering about three hundred, by an advance of the Mexican cavalry, nearly seven thousand strong.—The American forces opened their park artillery on them, when they speedily fled.

An act in relation to surveyors of highways in the town of South Kingstown.

The act provides for the election of surveyors of highways at the April town meeting.

Passed.

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PROSECUTION OF PETITIONS FOR RELEASING OF PROPERTY AS RECEIPTS.

Received and laid upon the table.

Mr. Ballou thought the report ought to be read to the House before it was printed.

Mr. Bosworth said this was true, as a general rule, but this report consisted entirely of extracts from the laws of the State.

The report was ordered to be printed.

An act in amendment of an act regulating the duties of watchmen in the town of Newport, passed to a second reading.

An act in addition to an act in relation to the appointment of sheriffs. The act provides that the sheriff shall receive from each deputy one dollar to and for the use of the State.

The act was not referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Whipple thought there was no business, and the House had better adjourn for this week.

Mr. Shearman said there was business enough to last three weeks.

An act authorizing Justices of the Peace to join persons in marriage, passed to a second reading.

An act in amendment of an act to prevent clandest

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## NEWPORT MERCURY, NEWPORT.

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### BY THE MAILS.

FROM VERA CRUZ.—The New Orleans Picayune publishes the following extract of a letter from Vera Cruz:

I can hear of nothing of interest from the interior. The general impression is that Herrera will be elected President of Mexico upon the opening of Congress; and that overtures of peace will be immediately made to our government. This I conceive very probable, as the citizens are disposed for peace; but as soon as Santa Anna hears of such an occurrence, his steps will be turned toward the capital; and whoever is elected President will enjoy his functions but for a short time.

Upon which the Picayune remarks—

We have heard of this Herrera movement from several quarters, but never before directly from Mexico. We have no faith whatever in the good disposition of the Mexicans, never having met a trace of such a feeling in any of their papers.

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President.—Capt. HENRY HUDSON.

Treasurer.—David M. Coggshall.

Secretary.—Charles E. Hunnem.

We understand that Lieut. Prouty, of the cutter Jackson, has been ordered to join the U. S. Revenue schooner Erie, on Lake Erie.

The remains of Capt. Caleb S. Briggs, of the schr. Direct, of New York, (which was wrecked, during the late gales, in Chesapeake Bay,) were brought to this town on Wednesday last for interment.

A boy named Glenny was fined \$1 and costs for stealing a newspaper from a subscriber's door in Boston.

The Mohegan has been got off and towed into Cow Bay for repairs.

The Providence Journal of Wednesday says:—A young man named Latham, employed at the Butt Factory, in that city, had his leg split from the thigh to the foot, on Tuesday afternoon, by the bursting of a large grindstone. Amputation of the limb at the thigh will, it is feared, prove necessary. Another young man employed in the room was injured, though not dangerously, by a fragment of the stone.

A grand depot is to be erected in Worcester for the accommodation of the five railroads which meet in that town. The whole length of the building, with the wings, will be six hundred feet.

A petition has been presented to the Legislature of Virginia by William R. Myers, for a divorce from his wife Virginia.

The Daily Mercury, at New Bedford, has been enlarged, and appears on a beautiful new type.

We have received the first number of a new weekly paper called the SUNDAY PORCUPINE, published in New York.

"EVENING BEEF."—Such is the cognomen of a new little daily which hails from Worcester. It is published by Mr. P. L. Cox. The whole appearance of the paper is very neat.

One of the corps of sappers and miners, David P. Delano, of Bath, Me., died at Camargo.

MASSACHUSETTS.—The Legislature of Massachusetts met at Boston on Wednesday. William B. Calhoun, of Hampden, was chosen President of the Senate, and Charles Calhoun, Clerk. Ebenezer Bradbury, of Newburyport, was chosen Speaker of the House of Representatives on the second ballot, and Charles W. Story, Clerk. The usual messages were interchanged, and the oaths administered; after which the annual election sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Bisbee, of Worthington.

NEW YORK.—The Legislature met on Monday, Lt. Gov. Gardiner presiding in the Senate. In the House Wm. C. Hasbrouck, of Orange, was chosen speaker; P. B. Prindle, of Chenango, clerk; Daniel B. Davis, of Montgomery, sergeant-at-arms—all whigs. The message of Governor John Young was read, and is of moderate length and entirely confined to State matters.

MISSISSIPPI.—The democratic candidate for Congress, Mr. Ellet, of Port Gibson, has been elected over his whig opponent, Col. Starke, by between two and three thousand majority.

KENTUCKY.—The Legislature assembled at Frankfort on Thursday last. Gen. Leslie Combs was chosen Speaker of the House, 65 to 35. The choice for U. S. Senator was thought to lie between ex-governor Letcher and Mr Underwood.

The crew of the bark Pons have been found guilty of revolt, and recommended to mercy by the Philadelphia jury.

Built in the district of Portland and Falmouth, Me., in 1846, ships 3, barks 22, brigs 12, schooners 11, sloops 1—49. In 1845, the total new tonnage was \$296 17—1846, 10,467 12.

THE INAUGURATION.—The ceremony passed off very unostentatiously. Governor Young and Lt. Governor Gardiner proceeded to the executive chamber at 10 o'clock. The oath was administered in the presence of a large number of their fellow citizens, by the secretary of state. After this ceremony, Gov. Wright, with a hearty shake of the hand, cordially congratulated his successor, and the crowd dispersed.

*Albany Journal.*

**POET MURDER.**—Jonathan Crossman, of Gloucester, R. I., is supposed to have been murdered last Tuesday night. He was a man about sixty years of age, and lived entirely alone in a house built up in the woods, in the east part of this town, about four miles from this village. He was found dead this morning in his bed, considerably bruised, supposed to have been done with a club. This murder was evidently committed to rifle him of his money, as his pocket-book was found lying upon the floor rifled of its contents, and it has long been known that he had money to a considerable amount by him.

*Prov. Herald.*

We learn from Mr. Ross, that a man named Hicks has been arrested at Cad's Tavern, four miles from Chepachet, on suspicion of having been concerned in the murder of Jonathan Crossman. A watch that belonged to Crossman was found upon him, and a receipt for four hundred dollars that Hicks had lent, and of which he gives no satisfactory account. Suspicion has attached to two other persons, who have been found in possession of gold that belonged to Crossman. Their names are not mentioned.—*Prov. Journal of Wednesday.*

**CONFESSOR OF HICKS THE MURDERER OR CROSSMAN.**—Hicks, the man arrested for the murder of Jonathan Crossman of Gloucester, has made a full confession of the crime with which he is charged. He has admitted the falsehood of his charges against certain other persons, implicating them in the horrible transaction, and has confessed that he committed the deed alone. He disclosed where the money was concealed, and the club with which he committed the murder. The money has been found; it amounts to seven hundred dollars.

*Prov. Journal of Thursday.*

**SMOKED TO DEATH.**—The Lexington (Ky.) Observer notices the death of Joseph Brown, Jr., of that city, who suffocated by smoke, whilst lying in his bed. The cushion of a covering of a settee in the room took fire whilst he was asleep, and when he awoke he was so far exhausted that he could give no alarm, though he got out of bed and was found on the floor dead.

**A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY.**—The steamer Utility, Captain Ham, from Cheraw, while in Bull's Bay yesterday, descried the sloop Mary H. Lucas making signals of distress. On sending her boat aboard, it was found that the sloop having lost her yawl, the captain had dispatched one of the hands on a piece of the hatch in search of the boat.—The hatch, with the adventurous navigator, like another "wise man of Gotham," had drifted out seaward and lodged on a sand bar. In this distressing situation, the man, unable to get to the sloop, or the sloop to the man, and the yawl gone nobody knew where, the flag of distress was hoisted—and the Utility coming up in time, put an end to their trouble by taking the man from the sand bank, where like Robinson Crusoe, he stood "sole monarch of all he surveyed," and putting him on board of the sloop.

*Charleston News.*

The mutiny on board the ship Eliza Warwick, below New York on Friday, was quelled by Captain Loring and his officers, and the ship went to sea on Saturday morning. Capt. Loring was compelled to resort to fire arms, some of the crew having attacked, and slightly wounded him with their knives. Subsequently the crew returned to duty cheerfully. The complaint of the crew, it will be recollect, was that the vessel was short-handed, but we do not learn how they became satisfied that she was not so.—*Boston Daily Adve.*

I will conclude this note by assuring you that I entertain the hope that the sovereign National Congress, which is immediately to be installed, will act as shall be most conducive to the interests of the republic; but I believe that I do not deceive myself in assuring you, that neither the Congress nor any Mexican will ever be able to listen to overtures of peace, unless the national territory be first evacuated by the forces of the United States, and the hostile attitude of their vessels of war be withdrawn.

This must be without doubt the preliminary of whatever negotiation may be opened; and it may be permitted to me to declare to you, that the nation, moved by a sentiment of patriotism, and determined to defend at every hazard and inch by inch its territory, will never cease to qualify as it deserves, and as the world has already qualified it, the conduct of the United States; and it will do whatever it can and ought honorably to deserve the little which it bears of independent and free.

**SANTA FE.**—A correspondent of the St. Louis Republican writes as follows from Santa Fe:—

The exercises and rites of the Catholic Church are in some respects different from those of our country, but music is the funniest of all. The same fiddles, guitars, and banjos, sound the same tunes in Church to the praise of God on Sunday, which I had danced to the night before. The services of the Church over, the music moves off to play the balance of the day and night at some wild revel, while the Priest goes to the cock-pit, the monte bank, or the billiard table, and every body else follows the bent of their own mind, which generally leads them to the same place. So passes the Holy Sabbath day in Santa Fe. Even the manner in which the Church bells ring, has something irreverent, more like an alarm of fire, or anything but a summons to the house of God.

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**FANNY ELLSLER.**—Fanny Ellsler is married! Her husband's name is Monzani; he is a dancer.

*Cabotville Mirror.*

**BRIGHTON MARKET, MONDAY, January 4.** (Reported for the Boston Daily Advertiser.)

At market 520 Beef Cattle, 3150 Sheep, 225 Swine. 50 Beef Cattle and 1000 Sheep unsold.

**PRICES.**

**Beef Cattle.**—We advance our quotations—extra 50¢ a 5 75; first quality \$2 a 5 25; second 4 75 a \$2; third 3 75 a 1 75.

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**Cows and Calves.**—Sales at \$22, \$27, \$30 and \$38.

**Sheep.**—Dull.—Sales at 1 33, 1 58, \$2; Wethers 3 50, 4 75 and 5 25.

**Swine.**—Small lots to peddle at 4 1/2 and 5 1/2 cts. At retail from 4 1/2 to 6c.

**SPECIAL NOTICES.**

**Subject of to-morrow evening's lecture at the Mill street Church:—**

**Luther's summons and journey to Worms.**

Services commence at 6 1/2 o'clock.

**Rev. J. T. ROBERT, M. D., from Philadelphia, will preach at the North Baptist Church, to-morrow, day and evening.**

### Meteorological Diary, for December.

S.	W.	N.	E.	NW.	SW.	WINDS	General Aspect of the Weather.				
							1	2	3	4	5
1	26	38	40	NW NW	Clear	Clear	Clear				
2	28	44	40	NW SW	do	do	do				
3	40	46	42	NW SW	Rain	Rain	Clear				
4	36	38	38	NW NW	Clear	Clear	Cloudy				
5	32	38	28	NW NW	Clear	Clear	Clear				
6	26	36	26	NW NW	do	do	do				
7	24	40	44	NW SE	Clear	Cloudy	Cloudy				
8	40	46	38	NW SE	Rain	Cloudy	Rain				
9	32	44	33	NW NW	Cloudy	Clear	Clear				
10	34	45	38	NW SE	Clear	Cloudy	Rain				
11	32	38	28	NW NW	Snow	Cloudy	Clear				
12	20	26	20	NW NW	Clear	Clear	Clear				
13	20	32	21	NW NW	do	do	do				
14	18	28	20	NW NW	do	do	do				
15	19	26	18	NW NW	do	do	do				
16	16	26	22	NW NW	do	do	do				
17	17	32	36	NW SE	Clear	Cloudy	Snow				
18	31	37	36	NE NE	Rain	all day					
19	32	38	31								

# THE NEWPORT MERCURY, ESTABLISHED A.D. 1758.

## DEFERRED ARTICLES.

**MAIL ROBBERY.**—A curious case.—The New York Herald reports the arrest and arrival in that city of William H. Wisner, clerk in the post office at Point Jarvis, charged with having purloined from the mail letters containing drafts and other valuable enclosures. He was to be examined on Saturday.

"We understand that his operations, if guilty, have been going on for some time on rather an extensive scale, and according to a plan which induces the belief that he may have had one or more accomplices.—The mode of proceeding has been something like this. Quite a number of letters, purporting to come from anonymous correspondents, and containing various sums of money in bank notes have been received at the post office at Unionville, directed to Col. John C. Wisner, the father of the young man above named, the inside address being to young Wisner. The letters were mostly from a distance, according to the dates and bills accompanying them, and in a hand writing (no two being very similar, however, which was quite difficult to decypher. The circumstance was considered very strange by Colonel Wisner, who, by the way, is represented as a highly respectable and somewhat wealthy citizen, but still having entire confidence in the honesty of his son, he received the money as often as it came, made no secret of its receipt, and invested it in a safe and convenient manner for William's benefit. The sums he has received, in this way, have amounted in all to about twelve hundred dollars. A few weeks since the post office department received notice from the postmaster of this city that a draft for about \$500, in favor of Tweedy, Jennings & Co., of New York, had no doubt been stolen from the mail, somewhere on the route from Orwell, Pa., to this city, as it had been sent to the Newburgh Bank, upon which it was drawn, in a very informal way, in a letter purporting to come from Utisville, New York, accompanied by a request to send the proceeds to Tweedy, Jennings & Co., Point Jarvis. The draft not being endorsed by the payees, the Newburgh Bank declined to remit the money. At this stage of the case the post office department despatched a special agent, Mr. Holbrook, for the purpose of solving the mystery and arresting the perpetrator, if possible. It was soon discovered that the handwriting in the letter enclosing the draft to the Bank of Newburgh, was somewhat similar to that of the Port Jarvis clerk. The suspicion thus started was followed up by further and closer investigations by the agent, the result of which was thought to fully justify an arrest. It will probably turn out that all the remittances of money to Col. Wisner, from an unknown source, were from young Wisner, and were mailed at Point Jarvis, the money having been abstracted from letters passing through that office at different times. It is a singular affair, and exhibits in its details a degree of cunning and skill, of which young Wisner was hardly thought capable. Up to this time, he has enjoyed the entire confidence of all who knew him."

**BUSINESS ENGAGEMENTS.**—They are of far more importance than people generally suppose. By men who are thrifty and successful in making money, they are always promptly attended to; and when you know a man to be in a constant state of excitement, and always 'hard pushed' for the 'dollars needful,' you may be sure that he seldom keeps an engagement. Promptness in keeping them, and not competition is the life of business. Often have we known a poor but honest man establish his credit merely by going to dine with his friend at the appointed hour; and we have known more than one business man to lose his credit by thinking more of his cigar than the engagement he has made.

**LOADSTONE ON LAKE SUPERIOR.**—Among the many discoveries which have been made in the Mineral Regions of Lake Superior during the past season, there has been one which is of great interest to the men of science. It is the discovery of native Loadstone, a variety of the piezoelectric iron ore. It was discovered by Bela Hubbard, Esq., who was carrying on a geological survey in connection with a United States linear survey, and who has collected the only specimens ever obtained in that region. He was led to the discovery by noticing the great fluctuations in the bearing of the magnetic needle. Its locality is Middle Island, which is two miles Northwesterly from Presque Isle.

**BORROWING BOOKS.**—A gentleman who had suffered loss by lending books, finally procured a large number of volumes, and placed the following placard over the door of the case: My friends are welcome to visit my library and peruse the volumes there at any time, but they must not take any away. My books are always happy to see company, but they never go visiting.

**A HARD CASE.**—A grind-stone, weighing over thirty pounds, was recently exhumed at St. Louis from a thin coating of beeswax, in which it had been purchased at the rate of 23 cents per pound.

**A WAGER FOR GORMANDIZING.**—It is stated in a Dublin paper that a Railroad laborer near Armagh, Ireland, lately won a wager of £10 for stowing away in "nature's bread basket" six four penny loaf of bread, three pounds of fat bacon, and drinking all the tea that could be made from 3 1/2 ounces of the China herb. This was the quantum appointed for him to eat at one meal—but before the gormand was satisfied he asked for another eight-penny loaf and demolished it, together with an additional pound and a half of bacon. The wager was won in the presence of 3,000 spectators. One would think that working on the Railroad gave men a good appetite!

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